



Newsletter of the Nevada Republican Men's Club



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Our December Meeting will be on Monday the 6th at 11:30 a.m. at the Ellis Island Hotel and Casino

Our Speaker will be Thomas Mitchell, Editor of the Las Vegas Review Journal

VICTORY IN 2004

Len Yelinek

My goal at the beginning of my year as your President was to ensure a productive year by supporting and electing Republicans. During the year, I scheduled speakers who would enlighten and inspire our membership. With the leadership of Al Valdez and the efforts of 62 individual members, we added 161 new members. Most importantly, through the volunteer efforts energized across the state, we delivered Nevada to re-elect President Bush.

I enjoyed my year as your President and sincerely appreciate the opportunity to serve you during this critical election year.

NEW MEMBER PROGRAM REPORT

Al Valdez, Membership Chairman

It's a privilege to welcome 8 new members of Nevada the Republican Men's Club this month.

New Member

Jennifer Burnam
Robert E. Dawson
Jack Fisher
Thomas F. Guanci, Sr.
Jack Lohman
Jim McAvoy
Thomas J. Perpar
Jeremy Wilhoite

Sponsored By

Rick Burnham
Hank Smith
Jim Frank
George Assad
Self
Monty Miller
Self
Rex Wilhoite

We sincerely appreciate these committed Republicans who have joined with us to help promote our Republican values and principles. Many thanks to our current members, listed above, who have sponsored these new members.

Each member should bring a prospective member as a guest to our next meeting on December 6th.

In the twelve months of this membership drive, the NRMC added 161 new members. The 62 individuals listed below have each sponsored new members.

Al Valdez – 17	Paul Workman – 8
Len Yelinek – 7	Rick Burnam – 6
Conrad Villela - 4	Jim Marsh – 4
Harry Allen – 3	Dan Barnett - 3
Bob Beers – 3	Maxine Clark – 3
Linda Cooney – 3	Jim Frank - 3
Bill Kohn - 3	Ulli Miyashiro – 3
Ronnie Vause – 3	Paul Adams – 2
Chuck McDonald - 2	Jerry McElroy – 2

David McGowan – 2	Matt Passalacqua 2
Basil Raffa – 2	Betty Rumford – 2
Bill Simpson – 2	Mark Tipping – 2
Rex Wilhoite - 2	

The following have each sponsored one new member:

George Assad	Anthony Bandiero
Charlotte Barnes	Keith Blasko
Phyllis Bougie	Paul Butler
Don Carli	Ernie Clark
Ron Cuzze	Alice Fessenden
Don Guardina	John Hambrick
Ferris Harris	John Hathcock
Joe Heck	Lisa Heck
Joel Jarvis	Catherine JuneK
John Laub	Bill Looney
Lynette Boggs McDonald	
Ray McKay	Chip Maxfield
Jim Morrison	Dennis Nolan
Steven Saul	Joe Sortino
Arlene Southard	Nancy Sprague
John Stanhagen	Bruce Thompson
Kenneth Wathen	Jason Wilhoite
Rex Wilhoite	Donna Woodward
Bernie Zadrowski	

We sincerely appreciate the efforts of all of the members who have contributed significantly to the strength of the Nevada Republican Men's Club.

This active involvement of our members contributed to the achievement of Victory 2004. We contributed significantly to the re-election of President Bush by a record number of votes. Republicans increased their control of the US Senate, the House of Representatives and the Nevada Senate. This was a tremendous Grass-Roots victory. We need to take a moment, savor our success and begin planning for the next election.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

I want to thank the thousands of our supporters across our country. I want to thank you for your hugs on the rope lines; I want to thank you for your prayers on the rope lines; I want to thank you for your kind words on the rope lines. I want to thank you for everything you did to make the calls and to put up the signs, to talk to your neighbors and to get out the vote. And because you did the incredible work, we are celebrating today.

President George W. Bush

3 November 2004

<http://tinyurl.com/4m453>

IT'S REALLY NOT OVER

Paul Adams

After a tremendous effort by one of the largest Republican grass roots efforts, President Bush carried Nevada. This tremendous result was somewhat diminished by the results of the US Senate race and the loss of Senate and Assembly races in Nevada. On the national scene, there was a brief pause in the electioneering as everyone collected their breath on 3 November. Once Senator Kerry conceded and President Bush gave thanks for his victory, the next campaign began.

For a week after the election, I checked the obituary column on a daily basis, hoping against hope to read that the Democrat Party finally succumbed to its fatal diet of failed policies, bad ideas and big government. Unfortunately, that has not happened. In 2006, there will be 36 Gubernatorial and 33 Senate races on the ballot. Here in Nevada, Senator Ensign and all state constitutional offices will be on the ballot. All races will be opposed.

The next election cycle will determine the direction of the state. Anyone who has recovered from seeing their most recent property tax assessment knows we still need to address critical tax issues. The 2006 election will set the stage for the 2008 Presidential election. We worked hard to prevent a President Kerry, now we need to organize to prevent another President Clinton.

The extraordinary volunteer effort and voter turnout of 2004 will be for naught if we cannot carry it forward into the future. Elections are not a surprise. Municipal primary elections are scheduled for April 2005, with municipal general elections in June 2005. The next statewide election will be held on 7 November 2006.

As Republicans, we need to critically examine what worked and did not work during the last election. We must build on what worked and refine or discard what proved ineffective. The beliefs and values that motivated the voters will not change and will continue to need our support. Using the lessons learned from the 2004 election, Republicans must build a more efficient grass roots effort for 2005 and beyond.

SUPPORT AND ELECT REPUBLICANS

'REDNECK VOTE' IS A LIBERAL MYTH

Charles Krauthammer

New York Post November 12th, 2004

The Angry White Male has been transmuted into the Bigoted Christian Redneck.

Whence comes this fable? With President Bush increasing his share of the vote among Hispanics, Jews, women (especially married women), Catholics, seniors and even African-Americans, on what does this victory-of-the-homophobic- evangelical rest? Its origins lie in a single question in the Election Day exit poll. The urban myth grew around the fact that "moral values" ranked highest in the answer to Question J: "Which ONE issue mattered most in deciding how you voted for President?"

It is a thin reed upon which to base a general theory of the '04 election. The way the question was set up, moral values was sure to be ranked disproportionately high. Why? Because it was a multiple-choice question and moral values cover a group of issues, while all the other choices were individual issues. Chop up the alternatives finely enough, and moral values is sure to get a bare plurality over the others.

If you pit group against group, moral values comes in dead last: war issues at 34%, economic issues at 33% and moral values at 22%.

Ah, yes. But the fallback is then to attribute Bush's victory to the gay marriage referendums that pushed Bush over the top, particularly in Ohio. This is more nonsense. Bush increased his vote in 2004 over 2000 by an average of 3.1% nationwide. In Ohio, the increase was 1% - less than a third of the national average. In the 11 states in which the gay marriage referendums were held, Bush increased his vote by *less* than he did in the 39 states that did not have the referendum. The great anti-gay surge was pure fiction.

See the full article at <http://tinyurl.com/6t55d>.

GOP'S FUTURE SITS PRECARIOUSLY ON SMALL CUSHION OF VICTORY

Ronald Brownstein

LA Times November 15, 2004

Amid all the post election tumult, it's easy to lose sight of what President Bush did — and did not — accomplish in his reelection victory this month.

Bush didn't build as commanding a presidential majority as some coverage has suggested, but he did significantly strengthen the Republican hold on Congress. One key question for the next four years is whether he can use that strong position on Capitol Hill to build a broader national coalition that would establish a more secure GOP edge in presidential contests.

Measured as a share of the popular vote, Bush beat Kerry by just 2.9 percentage points: 51% to 48.1%. That's the smallest margin of victory for a reelected president since 1828.

Throughout American history, the reelection of a president has usually been a high-water mark for the president's party. In almost every case, the party that won reelection has lost ground in the next presidential election, both in the popular vote and in the electoral college.

Bush didn't leave the GOP with enough of a cushion to survive even a fraction of that [historical] erosion in four years.

See the full article at <http://tinyurl.com/6utdo>

'HE'S GOT TWO OF 'EM'

Why I can't stop being happy about the election result.

Peggy Noonan

WSJ November 11 2004

The president won re-election by a relatively healthy margin because the American people judged him to be the better man. He seemed to have the better character of the two candidates. He'd tell you what he was going to do, and why, and then he'd do it. He'd been doing that for four years. He did it in the campaign, too. He was dependable, and he was predictable. It's nice to have a predictable president. It's not nice in the nuclear age to have a surprising one. Mr. Bush was not known as a sneak or a liar. We have had presidents who were known as sneaks and liars, some quite recently, but that wasn't Mr. Bush, and I believe it was a relief to normal people. That relief was never articulated by anybody I remember hearing, but I believe it had a real if unquantifiable effect on the voters' choice. I think the people tended toward Mr. Bush because they saw him as a good American man, a man they know—an imperfect one with an imperfect past who turned his life around with grit and grace. That's a very American story. It's one we all know, and respect.

See the full article at <http://tinyurl.com/584er>

Progressives – Prepare to Fight

Robert L. Borosage & Katrina Vanden Heuvel

The Nation November 29, 2004

In the coming months, progressives can drive the response to Bush's victory, just as the right drove the response to Clinton's. Thus we must take a close look at 2004, what we can build on and where we should go.

Progressives Rising Even in the ashes of this defeat, progressives can take pride in the remarkable role we played, both in arousing opposition to Bush and in building the independent progressive machinery necessary to communicate, educate, register and get out the vote.

§ Get Ready to Fight. Bush's agenda will ignite opposition. The current offensive in Iraq will galvanize antiwar sentiment across the world—including among the conservative realists in the Republican Party. The President's budget, featuring some \$70 billion more for Iraq plus cuts across the board for education and other domestic programs, will highlight the financial costs of his folly. Progressives should continue to challenge this war and educate Americans on how it is making us less safe.

§ Take the Offensive. Progressives should mount a powerful assault on Republican boss Tom DeLay and the most corrupt Congress in memory, exposing the blatant giveaway of taxpayers' money to corporate contributors and spreading the word to Republican districts so voters learn about the crony corruption that is emblematic of this crowd.

§ Ideas and Local Invention. Progressives have to do more than oppose. We have to develop compelling arguments for moving the country in a different direction: What should America's role in the world be?

See the full article at <http://tinyurl.com/6669b>

MEMBER SUBMISSION

JUDGE VALERIE ADAIR'S DECISION ON VOTER REGISTRATION AN HONORABLE AND RESPONSIBLE RESPONSE

JACOB KESSEL

(Colonel, USAF – Retired)

Henderson, Nevada

District Judge Valerie Adair's decision to deny a political party organization's request to reopen voter registration to voters whose forms might have been destroyed by another party-backed organization is clearly sound and proper, and more importantly, morally correct.

But, unfortunately, the mudslinging on Judge Adair has begun even before the ink was dry on the media's report of her decision. I don't know Judge Adair, but like most fair-minded and informed citizens, I recognize a fair, properly reasoned decision when I see one. As Judge Adair pointed out, the court has no way to ensure only those few individuals who might have been legitimately affected will register if the time period is extended—there is no guarantee that hundreds of other people will not seek to register or claim that they have been impacted. Additionally, the Judge pointed to the correct remedy under Nevada law, which is for those who believe they've been denied the right to vote to file individual lawsuits against the Clark County registrar asking to be included on the voter rolls.

Most of all, the registration form itself clearly explains the applicant's responsibility for ensuring the form is either sent to the County Clerk/Registrar by the applicant either in person, or by mail. It even warns that if the applicant chooses to have another person deliver it on his or her behalf, and fails to deliver it, the applicant won't be registered. How clearer could one's responsibility be in this matter?

I, as do many other responsible citizens, understand our individual responsibilities to be registered, and to follow the procedures laid out by our local government to ensure this is done right. Sure, it's OK to accept a voter registration group's offer to help one get registered, but it is still the applicant's responsibility to make sure, in fact, it is done. Why are some people always portrayed, or want to portray themselves, as victims? Whatever happened to the concept (and reality) of personal responsibility in our country? We can be proud and thankful we still have people like Judge Adair who stick to the issues and the law, and not interpret the law in a manner that would be at the expense of those who are responsible, and have abided by the rules.

Support & Elect Republicans

Nearly everyone reading this newsletter did something to assist in the Victory. Please respond with what worked well, what worked poorly and what should be done next time. We will publish responses in the January newsletter.

DID YOU KNOW?

You can find a good deal of information about the recent election on line:

Nevada Exit Polls: <http://tinyurl.com/5kycw>.

State Election results: <http://tinyurl.com/4soa4>.

Clark County details: <http://tinyurl.com/4uzq2>

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Year 2004 Meetings -- All dates are Monday -- Please Mark Your Calendars

Month	Regular Meeting	Executive Board	Month	Regular Meeting	Executive Board	Month	Regular Meeting	Executive Board
Nov 04	1	15	Dec 04	6	20	Jan 05	10	24
Feb 05	7	14	Mar 05	7	21	Apr 05	4	18
May 05	2	16	Jun 05	6	20	Jul 05	11	18
Aug 05	1	15	Sep 05	12	19	Oct 05	3	17
Nov 05	7	21	Dec 05	5	19			

The cost of the luncheon at the regular meeting of the Men's Club is \$15.00 each for Members and Guests.

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MATT PASSALACQUA

Matt came to Las Vegas in 1996 by way of Italy and New York.

Matt and his parents moved to Italy in 1974, where they spent the majority of their time in both Rome and Milan, mastering Italian while soaking up Europe's rich culture. Matt graduated with an MBA and BBA in Finance and Accounting from St. Bonaventure University in New York. After graduation, Matt entered the financial industry on Wall Street. For the past nine years, Matt has enjoyed providing a range of financial guidance to clients, many of whom have become his genuine friends.

Currently, Matt serves as the Senior Vice President, Investments of TriCor Financial Services LTD and as a Registered Representative of INVEST Financial Corporation. He holds Series 7, 31, 63 and 65 financial services licenses and life, health and variable insurance licenses. Matt is an accredited asset management specialist and is studying to become a Certified Financial Planner.

Matt is actively involved in the community through memberships in the Las Vegas as a Navigator, director at the Republican Men's Club, Working in Communications, and the Southern Nevada Chapter of Chartered Financial Analysts. Participating in these groups is important to Matt, as they afford opportunities to really be involved in the Valley. His passions include sports, traveling and spending time with friends and family. He also enjoys studying world and local political events.

Visit the Club Web Site at <http://www.republicanmensclub.com>

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